BASIC MARINE GRADUATION CEREMONY

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

WELCOME TO THE MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/WESTERN RECRUITING REGION SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's graduation ceremony recognizes the successful transition from civilian to basic Marine and consists of a traditional military parade followed by special recognition for those who have excelled while in Recruit Training and final dismissal.

After the graduation ceremony, we encourage you to visit the Command Museum across the parade deck. For your dining convenience, we offer the Bowling Alley snack bar, the individual food vendors, and a fast food restaurant at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Due to security concerns, our guests are not allowed into the recruit training areas to include the recruit barracks and physical training areas, with the single exception being the Recruit Exchange.

MISSION

The mission of the Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region is to exercise operational control of enlisted recruiting operations in the 8th, 9th, and 12th Marine Corps Districts; to provide reception, processing, and recruit training for male enlisted personnel following initial entry into the United States Marine Corps; and to produce a basically trained United States Marine embodied with the fighting spirit, core values and esprit de corps which have ensured our Corps' success for over 234 years.

HISTORY

The unique relationship between the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and San Diego is the result of almost 150 years of mutual support, assistance and growth. This relationship is reflected in the history of the Marine Corps in San Diego, the Depot as a post of the Corps, and the heritage of San Diego itself.

The United States Marine Corps first arrived in San Diego during the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) when a Marine Detachment from the sloop-of-war CYANE seized the town and raised the American flag for the first time in California near what is now known as Old Town Plaza. Unrest in Mexico in the early 1900's brought Marines once again to San Diego to safeguard American interests. In 1919, Congress authorized the first permanent Marine Corps presence in San Diego. Prior to World War I, San Diego's Marines were temporarily stationed at North Island and Balboa Park. Finally, in 1921, at the urging of Colonel (later Major General) Joseph H. Pendleton, what is now Marine Corps Recruit Depot was established as an Advance Marine Corps Expeditionary Base. In 1926, it became Marine Corps Base, Naval Operating Base.

In 1923, the Recruit Depot for the western half of the United States moved from San Francisco to San Diego and originally consisted of 250 acres, purchased by Congress for $250,000 and 500 acres of submerged tideland donated by the city of San Diego. It originally served as home for both Marine expeditionary forces involved in unrest in China and Fleet Marine Forces between the two wars. The Depot also trained about 223,000 recruits during World War II, reaching a peak of 13,600 recruits on board at one time. In 1948, the site was officially designated Marine Corps Recruit Depot in recognition of the significance of that principal activity, a significance that continues to the present day. Finally, in 1976 the Commanding General assumed responsibility for all recruiting in the western part of the United States and the Depot was designated Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

On behalf of Brigadier General R. L. Bailey, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines of the Recruit Training Regiment, welcome to this morning's graduation ceremony. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated as we recognize your young man's significant accomplishment. Enjoy this special day in his life.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most difficult recruit training in the Nation and a tough undertaking for all who accept the challenge to become a United States Marine. Before you this morning is the latest company of young men who have succeeded in that challenge. We are here to celebrate with you their success and to welcome them and their families into our Corps. During the past twelve weeks, your young man has been prepared physically, mentally, and emotionally in a timed-tested process whereby he has been transformed from civilian to Marine. Many are responsible for this significant transformation — to include their families, loved ones, and teachers who provided the basic values and character as a foundation and the Marine Recruiter who saw the potential and desire to change. But the person most responsible for the change is the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. He has labored intensively for the past three months, personally sacrificing much in the process, to ensure each new Marine is instilled with the essential fitness, character, and values necessary for success on and off the battlefield. Each of the new Marines recognized today has met the test, exceeded the standards, and has earned the title Marine. The lessons learned in recruit training, coupled with these core values, will serve them well for their time in the Marine Corps... and for the rest of their lives. I am confident in their ability to meet any challenge that confronts them and to succeed.

Thank you for being here. I trust you will enjoy the rest of your visit to MCRD and the San Diego area and that you will take some time to tour the Recruit Depot to relive some of your Marine's experiences. Please accept my thanks for your love and support for your Marine and our best wishes for a happy stay and safe return home.

Gratefully,

R. W. Gates
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has a long established tradition of rendering appropriate honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with Flag Etiquette and welcome you to join us in showing courtesy to our Flag as defined by U.S Code Title 4 and 36, and as observed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

In observance of U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, individuals in uniform, members of the armed forces not in uniform, and military veterans may render a military salute to the American Flag while it is being hoisted, being lowered, or passing by. The same courtesies should be rendered while the National Anthem is played.

Gentlemen wearing hats who do not render a salute to the flag should remove their head gear and on the first note of the National Anthem, place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

Ladies are not required to remove their headdress. On the first note of the National Anthem, ladies should stand, face the flag, and place their right hand over your heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

All present should remain standing until the last note of the National Anthem is played. If the Flag is not visible during the National Anthem, please stand and face the sound of the music.

If driving during Morning or Evening Colors, persons in vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony should halt the vehicle at the side of the road, and remain inside the vehicle until the final bugle call "Carry On" is sounded.

When Honors are being rendered to the Flag, or while it is passing in a parade of review, it is considered disrespectful to smoke, talk, to take pictures, or to be involved in any other boisterous or noisy activity.

If you are in doubt as to the appropriate courtesies at any time, look around. The military personnel in the immediate vicinity will guide your actions.

AWARDS

Company Honor Graduate Award

The one Marine in the company who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the number one Marine in his company. The company honor graduate also receives a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

Series Honor Graduate Award

The one Marine in his series who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of 2d Recruit Training Battalion recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

Platoon Honor Graduate Award

The one Marine in his platoon who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps will receive a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting the he is the honor graduate of his platoon.

Marksmanship Award

The one Marine in the company who fired the highest score on the Rifle Range is awarded a plaque from the Marine Corps Association stating that he is the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the Battalion Commander denoting that he is the company high shooter.

Physical Excellence Award

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the Battalion Commander denoting that he is the most physically fit Marine in his company.

Meritorious Promotion

Those Marines who have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and have shown exceptional leadership ability may be promoted meritoriously to the grade of Private First Class or Lance Corporal. The Marines noted in this program with asterisks by their names have been promoted meritoriously to their present grade.

Marine

"Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions, medals, that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say, I am a Marine."

Major General John A. Lejeune,
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

PARADE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Band Serenade

Chaplains Prayer**

"Attention", "Adjutant's Call" and March-On

Presentation of Colors and The National Anthem **

Sound Off

Presentation of the Command to the Commander of Troops

Report

Publication of the Order and Officers Center

Battalion Commander's Remarks

Presentation of the Command to the Reviewing Officer

Pass In Review (Please rise when the American Flag passes)

The Marines' Hymn **

Graduates return Front and Center

Recognition of the Company Staff

Retirement of the Platoon Guidons and Recognition of Honor men

Final Dismissal

NOTE: Please stay behind the ropes during the ceremony to allow those behind you to observe the activities unobstructed.

****PLEASE RISE**

8 JANUARY 2010

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General.....BGen R. L. Bailey
Sergeant Major.....SgtMaj B. K. Jackson

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer.....Col R. W. Gates
Sergeant Major.....SgtMaj J. J. McCook
Regimental Executive Officer.....LtCol D. B. Morgan
Regimental Drill Master.....GySgt R. E. Najera
Narrator.....LCpl C. B. Diaz

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer.....LtCol G. G. Malkasian
Sergeant Major.....SgtMaj M. J. O'Loughlin
Executive Officer.....Maj L. J. LeVine
Battalion Drill Master.....SSgt E. O. Hidalgo
Chaplain.....LCDR R. T. Rinaldi

COMPANY F

Commanding Officer.....Capt T. A. Holmes
Company First Sergeant.....1st Sgt J. A. Colon

SERIES 2121

Series Commander.....Capt B. C. Schexnayder
Chief Drill Instructor.....SSgt R. Acosta

SERIES 2125

Series Commander.....Capt T. A. Martin Jr.
Chief Drill Instructor.....GySgt Matthew C. Draheim

MARINE BAND

Band Officer.....CWO2 J. K. Davis
Band Master.....MSgt B. C. Paradis

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer.....Sgt K. L. Kalkbrenner
Organizational Color Bearer.....Cpl C. G. Martinez
Rifle Bearer.....LCpl J. D. Taylor
Rifle Bearer.....LCpl J. A. Breaux

PLATOON 2121

Senior Drill Instructor	SSgt A. A. Cabrera
Drill Instructor	SSgt D. C. Robinson
Drill Instructor	SSgt G. T. Rosas
Drill Instructor	Sgt A. S. Creel
Drill Instructor	Sgt D. L. Morales

Platoon Honorman	PFC D. T. Phan
Hometown	Milpitas, CA
Recruited By	SSgt J. David
Recruiting Substation	San Francisco, CA
Platoon High Shooter	PFC D. T. Phan (329)
Marksmanship Instructor	Sgt A. D. Mendiola
Platoon High PFT	PFC J. R. Mount (294)

Pvt G. Alejomaravilla
PFC J. J. Arnold
Pvt B. R. Arvessto
PFC J. J. Barber
Pvt A. A. Barker
Pvt J. L. Barrow
Pvt J. J. Basci
PFC A. L. Bess
Pvt R. S. Bevers
Pvt J. D. Bianchi
Pvt U. D. Billie
*PFC D. J. Boy
*PFC C. K. Bradford
Pvt J. B. Bratt
PFC B. J. Buller
*PFC E. N. Burgos
Pvt R. A. Burns
PFC D. A. Cannon
Pvt J. V. Cardenas
*PFC C. R. Carranza
Pvt M. P. Casey
Pvt J. H. Chastain
PFC C. J. Coggins
Pvt J. R. Cordell
Pvt C. C. Cruise
Pvt S. A. Davenport II
Pvt J. M. Davila
*PFC E. I. Davis
Pvt A. T. Devillier
Pvt Z. D. Dougless
PFC K. L. Elkins
Pvt D. Estrada
Pvt D. T. Farmer
PFC J. A. Flores
Pvt D. R. Ford
PFC A. A. Forostyanyy
Pvt E. A. Freedman
Pvt G. L. Gaines

Pvt N. P. Galanos
Pvt S. R. Garcia
Pvt P. D. Garlich
PFC Z. B. Goodman
*PFC D. A. Goss
Pvt C. M. Habicht
PFC M. A. Haegele
PFC A. C. Horrocks
Pvt M. T. Huynh
PFC B. T. Joe
Pvt E. A. Juarez
Pvt C. C. Kilgore
PFC B. R. Krey
Pvt T. P. Lawson
Pvt J. N. Lennon
Pvt C. A. Looper
Pvt D. J. Lorenzini
PFC M. R. Lovato
PFC R. E. Lucero
Pvt B. L. Maloney
Pvt M. Martinez
Pvt J. D. Mckeehan
PFC R. A. Miller
PFC J. R. Mount
PFC J. L. Mowrey
Pvt J. A. Mullen
PFC R. A. Myatt
Pvt A. M. Navarrette
PFC B. M. O'Brien
Pvt D. S. Ortega
Pvt M. A. Osteen
PFC J. B. Overvig
PFC R. A. Padilla Jr.
Pvt N. U. Pech
PFC D. T. Phan
Pvt S. F. Stubblefield
Pvt S. A. White

***DENOTES MERITORIOUS PROMOTEES**

PLATOON 2122

Senior Drill Instructor	SSgt H. A. Gomez
Drill Instructor	SSgt R. C. Morataya
Drill Instructor	Sgt M. A. Sandoval
Drill Instructor	Sgt C. Stricker
Drill Instructor	SSgt W. D. Diaz
Company Honorman	LCpl J. W. McCall
Hometown	Yuma, AZ
Recruited By	Sgt R. F. Ford
Recruiting Station	Dallas, TX
Platoon High Shooter	PFC I. J. Green (331)
Marksmanship Instructor	Sgt J. L. Hawken
Company High PFT	PFC J. R. Lopez Jr. (300)

Pvt T. C. Atkinsonsessler	PFC F. Iniguez Jr.
PFC S. M. Barr	Pvt J. M. Jackson
Pvt J. A. Barton	Pvt K. A. Jackson
Pvt T. J. Bequette	*PFC D. J. Job
Pvt L. C. Boles	Pvt B. D. Johnson
Pvt B. M. Bradford	Pvt M. R. Kilbride
Pvt C. M. Brown	PFC J. M. Kitka
PFC L. A. Burrington	Pvt J. C. Knight
Pvt S. E. Chutuk	Pvt D. S. Lamons Jr.
Pvt J. A. Cobb	Pvt C. W. Lapp
Pvt M. R. Cordoves	PFC A. B. Lesueur
Pvt J. D. Crook	Pvt D. J. Lethridge
Pvt D. M de la Garza	PFC L. Q. Lien
PFC A. Dominguez	Pvt T. Lino
Pvt D. L. Fitzpatrick	Pvt A. R. Loiacano
Pvt D. J. Fletcher	*PFC J. R. Lopez Jr.
*PFC A. L. Formichella	Pvt M. M. Macumber
Pvt J. P. Freking	*LCpl J. W. McCall
PFC S. G. Gagner	Pvt K. D. McGary
Pvt L. L. George	Pvt D. T. McNeely
Pvt N. M. Gerke	Pvt R. C. McWillliams
Pvt D. W. Gilbert	Pvt D. R. Meyer
Pvt C. T. Grant	PFC T. P. Micek
Pvt T. W. Gray	PFC D. G. Miller
*PFC I. J. Green	Pvt S. J. Mizner
Pvt E. D. Gremmels	PFC M. E. Monk
Pvt M. A. Guerrero	Pvt J. F. Morales
Pvt K. T. Hamlin	Pvt D. Moreno
Pvt S. Han	*PFC J. Myers
PFC P. B. Hanton	Pvt A. Nassman
PFC D. M Heersche	PFC C. R. Newsom
PFC J. R. Heidner	Pvt R. L. Nguyen
PFC M. E. Henry	Pvt A. M. Norodom
Pvt C. Hernandez	Pvt E. D. Olivares
Pvt J. R. Hernandez	Pvt J. I. Olvera
Pvt R. J. Hernandez	Pvt R. A. Perez
Pvt L. A. Hoeppner	Pvt J. A. Ramirez
PFC J. D. Hooker	Pvt C. C. Vandenberg
Pvt E. N. Ingebretson	Pvt C. G. Yu
PFC I. I. Ingram	

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PLATOON 2123

Senior Drill Instructor	Sgt C. J. Johnson
Drill Instructor	Sgt E. E. White Jr.
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. E. Frye
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. E. Park
Platoon Honorman	PFC J. B. Hopper
Hometown	Canon City, CO
Recruited By	SSgt J. Thompson
Recruiting Station	Springfield, MO
Company High Shooter	PFC D. A. Bird Jr. (334)
Marksmanship Instructor	Cpl L. M. Morales
Platoon High PFT	PFC J. M. Gibbens (295)

Pvt	R. U. Alvillar	Pvt	J. R. Healy
Pvt	J. E. Austif	Pvt	K. M. Her
PFC	A. W. Autry	Pvt	J. W. Heying
Pvt	B. A. Bachor	PFC	M. J. Hoff
PFC	S. B. Baker	Pvt	J. A. Hoffman
Pvt	N. J. Barrett	PFC	J. B. Hopper
*PFC	D. A. Bird Jr.	Pvt	J. M. Howell
Pvt	T. A. Bond	Pvt	J. R. Huber
PFC	S. N. Brady	*PFC	D. R. Hudson
Pvt	G. K. Bucklew	PFC	L. A. Hutchins
PFC	E. J. Buettner	PFC	W. J. Jackson
Pvt	N. G. Carleton	Pvt	J. A. Johnson
Pvt	L. J. Cashin	PFC	W. V. Jones III
*PFC	J. D. Chanski	Pvt	A. J. Jorgensen
PFC	G. A. Chapa	PFC	C. D. Justice
Pvt	C. J. Cole	Pvt	R. B. Kelm
Pvt	T. E. Comer	Pvt	R. P. Keyser
Pvt	C. L. Crain	Pvt	M. M. Kistner
*PFC	D. S. Cromwell Jr.	PFC	R. K. Knutson
Pvt	M. C. Davis Jr.	Pvt	A. L. Kubatzke
Pvt	A. G. Diddens	Pvt	S. J. Lanie
PFC	R. D. Dodds	Pvt	J. A. Large
PFC	S. M. Downham	PFC	N. H. Lewiski
PFC	D. S. Dranay	Pvt	T. J. Linak
Pvt	J. M. Duncan	Pvt	A. J. Lopez
Pvt	B. A. Dunning	Pvt	J. A. Love
Pvt	J. F. Edmonds	Pvt	M. P. Mangum
Pvt	J. A. Eger	Pvt	J. L. Manning
PFC	C. D. Ellerbe	Pvt	S. Masrur
PFC	A. M. Ervin	Pvt	Z. E. Mayo
PFC	J. R. Ewing	Pvt	R. G. Medrano
Pvt	T. S. Fitzgerald	Pvt	R. S. Megonigle
PFC	C. L. Foote	Pvt	J. J. Mehr
Pvt	M. T. Frank	Pvt	M. C. Meier
*PFC	J. M. Gibbens	Pvt	M. C. Price
Pvt	D. W. Glass Jr.	Pvt	J. P. Rogers
Pvt	G. J. Greatens	PFC	F. A. Rossette
Pvt	P. D. Guthaus	Pvt	N. A. Smith
Pvt	P. J. Halter	PFC	K. M. Ward
Pvt	C. M. Hankins	Pvt	K. A. Ward
Pvt	D. T. Hanson	*PFC	D. H. Widner
Pvt	Z. R. Harrison	Pvt	M. C. Wielinga

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PLATOON 2125

Senior Drill Instructor	GySgt N. E. Truite
Drill Instructor	Sgt C. Vigil
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. J. Ortiz
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. S. Strange
Drill Instructor	Sgt T. A. Grimes
Platoon Honorman	PFC D. J. Epperson
Hometown	Richmond, TX
Recruited By	Sgt J. J. Beaver
Recruiting Substation	Houston, TX
Platoon High Shooter	Pvt. H. C. Helmandollar (327)
Marksmanship Instructor	Sgt J. E. Mejia
Platoon High PFT	Pvt D. J. Epperson (294)

PFC J. J. Adams
PFC R. M. Bantigue
*PFC J. L. Berghaus
PFC G. S. Bergman
Pvt B. J. Bisetti
Pvt B. J. Bode
Pvt B. A. Charles
PFC L. R. Chou
Pvt W. J. Cockerham
Pvt D. G. Cole
Pvt T. R. Crawford
Pvt A. I. Dalton
Pvt M. S. Davis
*PFC D. J. Epperson
Pvt A. A. Eubanks
PFC J. T. Finch
Pvt K. B. Fink
Pvt T. Ford
PFC K. J. Gitter Jr.
Pvt B. A. Granados
Pvt K. V. Hayes
Pvt R. A. Hecht
Pvt H. C. Helmandollar
Pvt P. Y. Her
Pvt L. T. Hill
PFC D. J. Jimenez Jr.
Pvt A. G. Kronemeyer
*PFC C. J. Lake
Pvt R. K. Lyons
Pvt J. A. Mabie
PFC J. P. Maris
PFC B. M. Murtaugh
Pvt J. K. Napierskie
Pvt M. M. Niemirski
Pvt Z. J. Nimtz
Pvt K. C. Noble
Pvt M. G. Norris
PFC S. P. O'Bryan
PFC I. A. Olivarez
Pvt T. W. Ortell
Pvt A. D. Pachon
Pvt L. E. Parker

Pvt R. Perez
*PFC J. A. Pires
PFC B. C. Post
Pvt T. Prudden
Pvt N. A. Raugust
Pvt J. M. Reeves
Pvt D. Reyes
Pvt C. T. Riley
Pvt S. T. Rios
Pvt G. Rivas
Pvt O. L. Rivera
Pvt J. P. Rockhill
Pvt A. K. Roth
PFC C. Rubiogonzales
PFC N. P. Ruhnow
PFC R. L. Ruiz
PFC E. D. Russell
*PFC A. Saltsman
Pvt D. C. Sandoz
Pvt N. R. Scheffer
Pvt M. R. Schermann
Pvt C. B. Schexnider
PFC Z. T. Schilz
Pvt R. J. Schoonover
Pvt E. A. Schulstad
PFC D. J. Schumi
PFC F. Serrato
PFC D. F. Sesepasara
PFC N. Y. Shay
PFC S. S. Sheppard
PFC A. M. Sida
Pvt J. C. Steele
Pvt J. R. Stelljes
Pvt A. C. Sullivan
PFC M. A. Vargas
Pvt J. J. Vega
PFC D. L. Watkins
Pvt C. R. Weyrick-Greene
PFC J. L. Wingate
PFC J. D. Wolfram
Pvt L. Womble
Pvt K. C. Yavorsky

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PLATOON 2126

Senior Drill Instructor	GySgt E. Hernandez
Drill Instructor	GySgt A. C. Livingston
Drill Instructor	GySgt C. E. Gonzales
Drill Instructor	SSgt D. J. Farmer
Series Honorman	PFC J. R. George
Hometown	Whittier, CA
Recruited By	Sgt D. T. Luu
Recruiting Substation	San Francisco, CA
Platoon High Shooter	PFC I. J. Green (329)
Marksmanship Instructor	Sgt R. A. Michaels
Platoon High PFT	Pvt A. T. Fidler (287)

Pvt M. P. Abelle
Pvt L. A. Aguilar
Pvt J. E.Alfonzo
PFC B. L. Andrew
Pvt J. Apperson
Pvt J. L. Ashford
Pvt J. R. Badker
Pvt A. R. Baugh
*PFC B. A. Bender
*PFC C. R. Brown
Pvt L. J. Brownson
PFC D. R.. Bulac
Pvt M. D. Chappel
Pvt B. A. Cole
Pvt R. D. Collins
Pvt D. C. Counts
PFC T. R. Culbert
Pvt B. G. DeleonGuerrero
PFC M. S. Dorthalina
Pvt C. H. Edmonson
Pvt S. C. Erickson
Pvt A. T. Fidler
*PFC M. R. Garcia
*PFC J. R. George
*PFC J. M. Gonzales
Pvt A. J. Hanenkratt
Pvt Z. S. Harper
Pvt J. J. Hiller
Pvt W. E. Hogestyn
Pvt I. C. Humpherys
PFC J. A. Hunter
Pvt K. S. Johnson
Pvt T. D. Kirby
PFC N. E. Kohne
PFC T. A. Lewis
Pvt F. D. Lopez
Pvt J. C. Lopez
Pvt J. R. Marr
Pvt E. A. Mclellan
PFC E. R. Mendenhall
PFC J. D. Michealson
Pvt S. M. Montgomery

PFC D. W. Mooty
Pvt A. G. Murray
Pvt T. R. Olson
Pvt A. Ooms
PFC D. K. Ortiz
PFC J. A. Pena
Pvt K. T. Peterschmidt
Pvt A. T. Ponce
Pvt R. C. Ramos
Pvt E. M. Reese
Pvt R. D. Rienhold
PFC A. D. Rensberger
Pvt A. M. Rivera
Pvt S. A. Ryan
PFC R. Salazar
Pvt M. S. Samuels
Pvt I. Santana
Pvt L. A. Schied
PFC A. M. Seals
Pvt W. N. Seltenright
PFC J. E. Sherwin
Pvt T. J. Staples
Pvt C. Stewart
Pvt M. S. Stewart
Pvt E. R. Stough
Pvt S. D. Strnadel
Pvt C. A. Sweeney
Pvt T. J. Sylvester
Pvt L. C. Tank
PFC S. P. Taylor
PFC J. L. Terry
Pvt B. E. Thimmel
Pvt E. P. Thompson
Pvt R. D. Tilmon
Pvt J. T. Tomaini
Pvt J. L. Tomaszewski
Pvt J. A. Truckey
*PFC J. V. Tuggle II
Pvt B. K. Ummel
Pvt Z. D. Unruh
Pvt A. B. Ventura

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PLATOON 2127

Senior Drill Instructor	Sgt D. L. Brewer
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. K. Walls
Drill Instructor	Sgt D. A. Bibbins
Drill Instructor	Sgt J. L. Garcia
Platoon Honorman	PFC T. L. Sproat
Hometown	Moorpark, CA
Recruited By	SSgt E. J. Norori
Recruiting Substation	Los Angeles, CA
Series High Shooter	PFC R. W. Rhinehart (329)
Marksmanship Instructor	Sgt M. A. McDonald
Platoon High PFT	PFC A. J. Banda (300)

Pvt D. J. Anderson
PFC A. J. Banda
Pvt C. M. Dotson
Pvt A. A. Gutierrez
PFC C. A. Ortiz
PFC L. A. Ortiz
Pvt B. C. Oxford
Pvt R. A. Panemeno
*PFC J. G. Pieters
Pvt C. R. Pineda
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***DENOTES MERITORIOUS PROMOTEES**

Company F Prayer

Merciful God and Father, you have been with us on this journey, from tennis shoes on the yellow footprints, to combat boots on the Reaper, to the corframs on this parade deck. Through all the trials and tribulations, you have been our rock and our refuge, our joy and our strength. You have seen us through a small foothill of the many mountains that lay before us.

We thank you for the drill instructors that have sacrificed so much to transform us into a band of brothers. You have given us a new family when we thought we were all alone. So we stand here today, holding back tears of joy and pride, knowing that we have earned the title, United States Marine.

And now, we ask for your protection and blessings as we are reunited with our family and friends who have supported us and encouraged us from the beginning. As we move forward in life, let our heart, mind, and spirit be Semper Fidelis to our God, our country, and our Corps. Through your holy name we pray. ***Amen***

Transformation:

The Making of Marines for the 21st Century

For 234 years, the Marine Corps has trained America's finest young men and women to fill the ranks of the world's most elite fighting force. Over those many years, changes have been made to recruit training to meet the changing missions of the Corps and address societal changes in recruits. In 1996, one such change came as a result of the initiatives of the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps. To transform the Corps and prepare it for its role in the 21st century. The "Transformation" process begins with recruiting, continues through recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depots at San Diego and Parris Island, and is sustained and reinforced throughout each Marine's service.

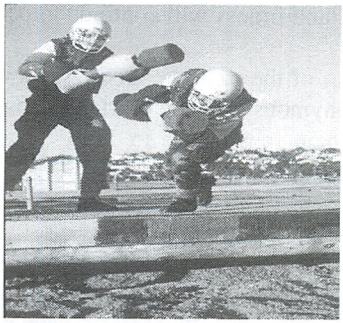
The Marine Corps is not changing the tried and true methods of recruit training but enhancing those methods in pursuit of strengthened character and values. This is what America expects of its Marines. When Marines complete their service, they will return to society as better citizens than when America and their families entrusted them to the Corps.

The Drill Instructor remains the key to leading young men in their quest to earn the title "Marine." Through demanding training, such as close order drill, physical training, academics, combat water survival, close combat skills, marksmanship instruction and The Crucible, the DI molds and hardens his recruits into basic Marines.

The Crucible, the newest addition to recruit training is a grueling 54- hour evaluation of a recruit's physical, mental, and moral fitness, both as an individual and as a member of a team. This event takes place during the 11th week of training.

Why is a Transformation necessary?:

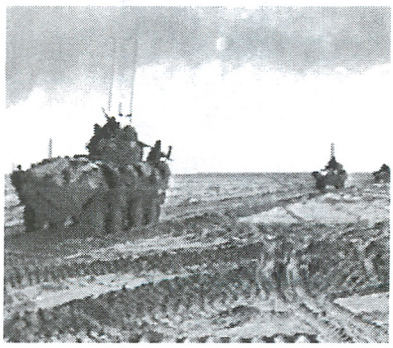
The most important things the Marine Corps does for our nation are to make Marines and win battles. The Corps is a versatile, force-in-readiness prepared to handle a variety of missions. We continue to be a force rich in history and traditions, ingrained with the highest values of honor, courage and commitment.



At the very time when a host of factors is tending to undermine individual character development in society, Marines are facing an operational environment that requires stronger character and moral virtue. We live and operate in a world that is proving to be increasingly complex and interconnected. As a result, the Corps is in the midst of an evolution of the uses of force that are not quite war, not quite peace, not quite conventional military operations, and not quite civil police duties.

The Nation is committing Marines to a wide range of scenarios, from peacekeeping operations in Somalia to non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia, to more conventional conflicts like Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Operations such as these involve independent units confronted by situations that have operational and strategic implications.

The battlefield is becoming so technologically advanced that weapon systems will be able to kill by smell, sight or sound. In order to ensure success in these situations, we have looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir.



The answer was strong character and a fighting spirit that overcame all obstacles. This is what will allow us to dominate the high tech and diverse battlefields of the future. This will allow us to win America's military battles and to send transformed Americans home to strengthen the very fabric of our society.

Quite simply, we are continuing to focus on and to enhance the root source of a Marine's indomitable fighting spirit: his determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in his way, fueled by unshakable honor, courage, and commitment.

How are we doing it?:

We believe that new Marines need to be forged in a furnace of shared hardship, mutual commitment, and teamwork. This common, intense experience creates bonds of comradeship and cohesion so strong that Marines will refuse to let each other down. This forging of character, discipline, and fitness will continue to be the basis upon which we make Marines.

Holding onto the high character of the Marines of the past, we look for ways to inculcate the strong values that have become synonymous with the Marine Corps.

We are attacking the character development challenge in four phases: Recruiting, Recruit Training, MOS Schools, and Sustainment.

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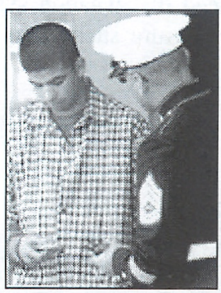


Phase I – Recruiting

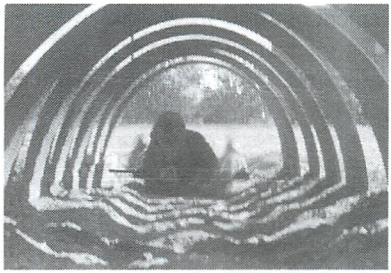
Inculcating these character traits starts in the recruiting process. First, we recruit young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment. Then we prepare them through physical fitness and ready them for the intense forging they will experience in recruit training.

Most enlistees spend time — up to 12 months — in the Delayed Entry Program preparing to undergo recruit training and become Marines. Their preparation includes physical conditioning, study guides, introduction to Marine Corps history and tradition, and most importantly, introduction to Core Values.

The bottom line is we are paying more attention to a prospective Marine's character and fitness during screening.

Phase II - Recruit Training

We have enhanced recruit training by amplifying Core Values instruction and introducing The Crucible. A key element to the recent changes in recruit training is more time for the drill instructors to focus on character development with an emphasis on selflessness and teamwork. There are 28 hours of programmed instruction on Core values; however, the most powerful values exchange may very well come from the increased one-on-one time with the drill instructors who teach and demonstrate values such as selflessness, determination, loyalty and integrity.



The Crucible, in part, is the manifestation of the intangible values training that have taken place earlier in recruit training. This permeates the entire evolution, forging the selflessness, teamwork and Core Values concepts deep into each recruit. The Crucible is a 54-hour event that is designed to test a recruit's mind, body, and spirit. It is a series of eight events revolving around obstacles, warrior stations, movement courses, and reaction problems tackled over a grueling 40-mile course. Sleep and food deprivation add to the rigor of the course, which is primarily designed to develop teamwork and camaraderie through shared hardship. Each warrior station is named after a Marine Corps hero whose actions epitomize the values we want all Marines to internalize. As a touchstone, this experience in values and hardship can be drawn upon in any challenge they might face.

Phase III – MOS Schools

After graduating from Recruit Training, and taking a well-deserved ten days of leave, the new Marines report into the School of Infantry (SOI). SOI and consequent follow-on schools give the new Marines the technical expertise they need to excel in their Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

Phase IV - Sustaining the Transformation:

All muscles atrophy without exercise; so too with character. Once started on a path of character development, there is no stopping. We are always developing our character until the day we die. The sustainment process continues Core Values training within units and is incorporated in all that we do as Marines, complementing a renewed emphasis on war fighting, combat leadership, and the concepts of responsibility and accountability.

Our Professional Military Education courses have been enhanced to educate our leaders, officers and Staff NCOs in the whole Marine character development process. Most importantly, the greatest sustainment takes place in the day-to-day, one-on-one interaction between Marines. The priority for mission accomplishment continues to focus on teamwork and the reinforcement of our Core Values.

Marines have chosen to model themselves after men and women of great character and constantly demonstrate the utility of values. A Core Values card that each Marine carries is a constant reminder of the honor, courage and commitment of our past and the legacy of our future.

The Transformed American:

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the active duty ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and for the Nation and we will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who are former active duty Marines. They give testimony to the direct connection between the character traits they forged in the Corps and their success and fulfillment in life. End result: We will continue to provide society with people of great character, whether they do four or forty years in the Marine Corps.

"Some people live their whole lives and wonder if they have made a difference. Marines don't have that problem."

President Ronald Reagan

U. S. MARINE CORPS
CORE VALUES

Generations after generation of American men and women have given special meaning to the title United States Marine. These men and women live by a set of Core Values, which forms the bedrock of their character. Core Values give Marines strength and regulate their behavior; they bind the Marine Corps into a total force that can meet any challenge... and succeed.

HONOR

Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; and to respect human dignity. It is the quality of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability that compels Marines to act responsibly; to hold themselves and each other accountable for their actions; and to fulfill their obligations.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries them through the challenges of combat and helps them overcome fear. Likewise, it is the inner strength that enables a Marine to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the spirit of selfless determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Corps and country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor.

To Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney
Joe Rosenthal, A.P.

Marines
The Few. The Proud.